

Memorial fund established to help murder victim’s family

By Sydney Eagleton
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A memorial fund has been established to help the Alcantara family with the costs they have encountered with the recent murder of Alheli Alcantara.

Alcantara, an 18-year-old Manhattan High School graduate and Topeka resident, was found dead behind the Quality Inn in

Manhattan the morning of Oct. 12, according to an Oct. 14 Collegian article.

Deon A. Ross, Topeka, was charged Oct. 14 with first-degree murder in connection with her murder, according to a Topeka Capital-Journal article.

The Alheli Alcantara Memorial Fund is set up at Commerce Bank, said Melissa Posey, vice president of Ordinary Women and a friend of the Alcantara family.

Once enough money is raised to cover the funeral and other related costs, Margarita Alcantara, Alheli’s mother and a K-State senior in math education, will keep the fund open and convert it into a scholarship, Posey said.

“It would be offered to students who are seeking careers where they would work with either victims of violent crimes, such as what happened to her daughter, or working

with families seeking justice,” Posey said.

Ordinary Women also is planning an event to raise money to go toward the fund, Posey said. The details are not finalized, but the event probably will take place in early November.

To donate to the Alheli Alcantara Memorial Fund, contact Christina McCarty or Jill Hagadorn at 785-776-1234 or go to any Manhattan Commerce Bank location.



Brett Beier



Ashley Guenther



Jamie Ball



Donnie Hampton



HB Thompson



Chelsy Coen



Phillip Harner



Ann Virgo

Purple passion

K-State Student Ambassadors are elected each year during Homecoming. Eight finalists remain for the 2009 position. Online voting will take place Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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Student ambassador candidates share K-State pride

By Brandon Steinert
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Eight finalists for the 2009 Student Ambassador positions remain. Two will be elected, one male and one female. Online voting is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday. Each finalist provided information on their talents, involvements and the source of their purple pride, which are compiled in the following short profiles.

JAMIE BALL - SENIOR IN BIOLOGY, PRE-MEDICINE AND GERONTOLOGY

Ball said she has wanted to be a K-State student for nearly all her life. For her, K-State has been a home away from home.

“We have the opportunities of a big-town university, but we don’t sacrifice that small-town feel,” she said.

Ball said her passion and pride for K-State runs deep, and she loves to talk to people. She could bring both these qualities to the ambassador position.

She said she has made it her career goal to give back to the university that has given so much to her.

“K-State has just offered me the opportunities to grow as a person and develop into the Wildcat I am today.”

BRETT BEIER - SENIOR IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING

“My experiences with [K-State] have opened up so many doors for me that I honestly feel I will probably never repay all that this university has done for me,” Beier said.

Beier said serving as ambassador is probably the best way to give back to the university and say thanks for the opportunities he’s received.

He said his K-State experience will serve him well as an ambassador. He has lived in Manhattan all his life and knows “K-State’s rich history.”

“I’ve been around it so long. I love

this university so much,” he said. “Purple runs deep in my veins and I really want to have the opportunity to really show it.”

CHELSEY COEN - JUNIOR IN AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

Coen is from a family of K-State graduates, which was a significant factor in her decision to attend K-State.

“I didn’t realize how much I would have a passion for K-State,” she said. “I didn’t realize the kind of people it would allow me to surround myself with and the types of opportunities it would allow me to have.”

Coen said she loves to talk and interact with other people and said her passion for K-State and ability to communicate would make her a good ambassador.

She said she would appreciate the opportunity to network with alumni and to encourage prospective students to “choose K-State, so they can have the same opportunities.”

ASHLEY GUENTHER - JUNIOR IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS AND JOURNALISM

Guenther said she attributes her success to her acquaintances, both professional and social, at K-State.

She said her passion for people and for communicating the K-State message is what makes her a good candidate to be a K-State student ambassador.

She has experience with the Student Alumni Board, has been an ambassador for the College of Agriculture since her freshman year and is president of the Agriculture Economics Agribusiness Club.

She said the decision to attend K-State was an easy one and that she owes the university for all the opportunities she has been given here.

“I’m just really glad for the opportunity to invite other people to share K-

State,” she said.

DONNIE HAMPTON - JUNIOR IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

“From the first moment I stepped on campus, I knew it was the place for me – the people, the atmosphere,” Hampton said. “It means so much to me and it has become a family to me.”

Hampton said he feels indebted to K-State and wants to give back to the university.

He said his love for people would be an asset as an ambassador.

“If I could [serve as ambassador] and bring some amazing students on campus and share how amazing K-State is to others so they can have the same experiences, I would love to do that,” he said. “I mean, running for student ambassador is just a given.”

PHILLIP HARNER - JUNIOR IN INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

Harner said the school spirit and enthusiasm among students was a big reason why he chose K-State.

“K-State goes beyond being a university,” he said. “It’s kind of a family, and a family takes care of each other, and that’s kind of the attitude here at K-State.”

He said he loves sharing about K-State and giving campus tours. He served as an enrollment leader for new students last summer and said he enjoyed helping prospective students work through the hurdles and challenges involved with coming to college.

“There’s a mix of being professional and being enthusiastic and excited [as an ambassador], and I think that would be fun to do for K-State.”

HB (HERBERT) THOMPSON - SENIOR IN BIOLOGY

Thompson said a faculty member nominated him for the ambassador position, and after the first interview pro-

cess, Thompson decided it was a perfect fit for him.

He said he chose K-State for the atmosphere and friendly students. He described Pat Bosco, vice president of student life, as a “ball of energy” who showed him what K-State is all about.

A “ball of energy” is one of the qualities Thompson also attributed to himself; he said it would make him a good student ambassador.

Thompson is a first-generation K-State student and said he looks forward to telling his children and his children’s children about the amazing experiences he has had here at K-State.


ANN VIRGO - JUNIOR IN MARKETING

Virgo said she has been excited about the ambassador position since her freshman year at K-State. She said the duties of the student ambassador were in line with what she wanted to do for the university.

“Passion and people are my big words,” she said. “I really want to use my passion to serve the people of the university.”

She said she got lost on her first visit to campus, and a random student on campus walked with her to the building she was looking for.

“To me that was so personal,” she said. “[K-State students] really go the extra mile, which was what I was looking for in a student body.”



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<http://www.k-state.com/Students/article.spx?articleId=56bab4d98d4c436c88113a2b7f9b3881>

Pant the Chant draws choreographed crowd

By Brandon Steinert
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Campus groups, greek houses and residence halls participated in the 2008 Homecoming edition of Pant the Chant Monday

night at Bramlage, which resonated with the cheers of purple-blooded Wildcats.

Pant the Chant predominantly features pairings of greek houses with a few smaller campus groups and residence halls also

represented.

During the event, each pairing performed a rehearsed chant combined with fast body movements while clapping and

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Sporting multi-colored sunglasses, Pant the Chant participants concentrate on playing it cool while clapping their hands to their routine Monday night at Bramlage Coliseum.

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30 Lair

31 Bushy-tailed critter

32 Raw rock

33 KFC colonel

36 Stick in the mud?

38 Whatever number

39 Old New Zealand bird

40 “A Bell for —”

43 Summer footwear

47 Dag-wood’s specialty

49 Coagulate

50 “American —”

51 West of Holly-wood

52 “— Named Sue”

53 Top-rated

54 Schedule abbr.

55 Window sheet

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1 Vats

2 Cruising

3 Tilt

4 Gunky

5 English home-work, maybe

6 “Star Trek II” villain

7 Army bigwig (Abbr.)

8 Knight’s tunic

9 Piece of work

10 Unembellished

11 Work units

17 College boss

19 “— Doubtfire”

22 Transmit quickly

40 Europe’s neighbor

41 Pedestal part

42 In due time

43 Cicatrix

44 Actress Jessica

45 Symbol of craziness

46 Eyelid woe

48 “— little teapot ...”

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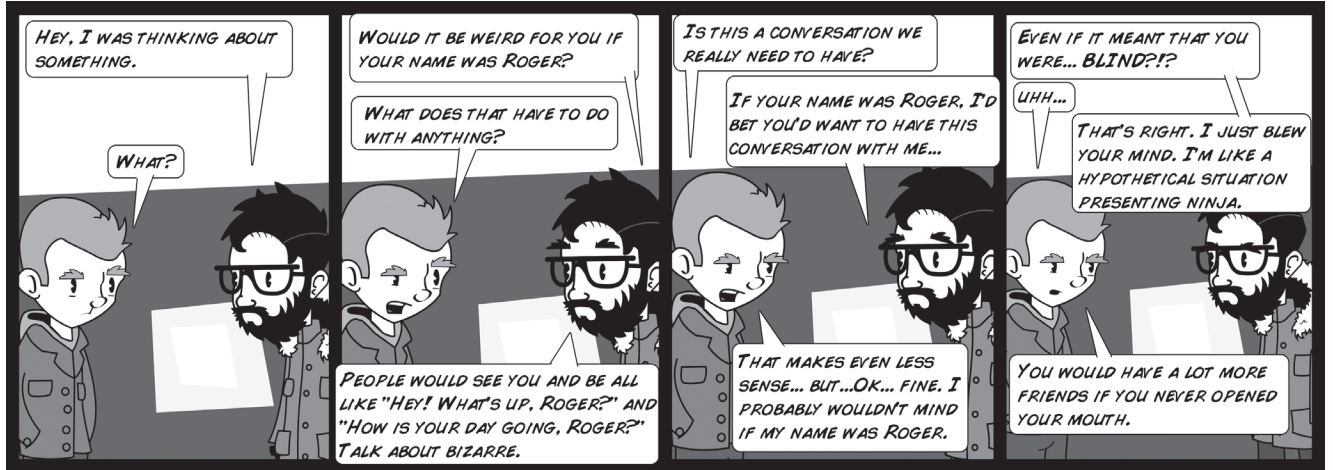
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Yesterday’s Cryptquip: UPON BUYING SOME YUMMY CAKES AND COOKIES, MY DAUGHTER PROCEEDED TO BRING HOME THE BAKIN’.

Today’s Cryptquip Clue: O equals T

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THE BLOTTER | ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

FRIDAY

Lloyd Watler, 610 Vattier St., No. 2, was arrested at 11:45 a.m. for failure to appear and probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,955.

Anita Marigay Williams, 1915 Violet Circle, was arrested at 2:56 p.m. for unlawfully arranging sales or purchases of controlled substances using a communication facility; unlawful acts relating to possession of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs or designated stimulants; unlawful acts relating to sale or distribution of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs or designated stimulants; and intent to sell within 1,000 feet of school property. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Jill Ranae Robinson, 2407 Brook Lane, was arrested at 3:10 p.m. for endangering a child; unlawful acts relating to sale or distribution of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs or designated stimulants with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of school property; and no drug tax stamp. Bond was set at \$7,000.

Debbie Romero, 8739 Eagles Landing, was arrested at 6:16 p.m.

for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

Joseph James Stepney, 4121 McDowell Creek Road, was arrested at 7:25 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Eunice Rivera, Ogden, Kan., was arrested at 10:24 p.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Benjamin R. Ayon, 1211 Colorado St., was arrested at 10:30 p.m. for driving under the influence and not wearing a seat belt. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Russell Corey Vereen, Leonardville, Kan., was arrested at 10:45 p.m. for unlawful acts relating to possession of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances; prohibited use or possession of simulated controlled substances and drug paraphernalia; and driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Michael A. Sneddon, 600 N. Juliette Ave., Apt. 8, was arrested at 11:20 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$500.

Daniel Lee Spence Lindauer,

2500 Farm Bureau Road, Lot 43, was arrested at 11:40 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Bridger Warren Egbert, Topeka, was arrested at 11:47 p.m. for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$1,500.

SATURDAY

Casey Lynn Jurecko, Red Oak, Texas, was arrested at 12:20 a.m. for purchase or consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a minor. Bond was set at \$500.

Jose Martin Javier-Alfaro, 812 Laramie St., was arrested at 1 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Allen Lee Hodge, Randolph, Kan., was arrested at 1:07 a.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license and driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$2,250.

Nathan Donald Myers, 508 Brookmont Drive, was arrested at 1:15 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Aaron Christopher Bingham, 1515 Harry Road, was arrested at 1:20 a.m. for resisting arrest and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Brian Alan Bittle, 404 Walters Drive, was arrested at 2:05 a.m. for battery and disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Daniel Thomas Fisher, Fort Riley, was arrested at 2:20 a.m. for reckless driving and driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Miranda Dawn Clardy, 3605 Everett Place, was arrested at 2:45 a.m. for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

George Michael Frei, Fort Riley, was arrested at 3 a.m. for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Joseph Micah Musalek, 1108 Kearney St., was arrested at 8:20 a.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$123.

Allen Lee Hodge, Randolph, Kan., was arrested at 1:20 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Gary Dean Chaffins, 1501 Oxford Place, Apt. 18, was arrested at 7:50 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license and driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Rosslain Odessa Williams, 1704 Fair Lane, No. 25, was arrested at 8 p.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Kelsey June Ewing, 1410 Watson Place, No. 23, was arrested at 10:45 p.m. for leaving the scene of an accident involving death or personal injury. Bond was set at \$3,000.

David Wayne Stover, 350 N. Delaware Ave., was arrested at 11:33 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$750.

Randy Lee Lake, 8508 Bald Eagle Circle, was arrested at 11:37 p.m. for battery against a law enforcement officer. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Marcel Donita Williams, 921 Moro St., Apt. B, was arrested at 11:53 p.m. for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

THE PLANNER | CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

The Toastmasters Club at K-State will sponsor DeVon Pierre Jackson's speech titled "Ain't nothing like the real thing, baby: How not to settle for less than the best in life" at 6 p.m. today in the Big 12 Room of the K-State Student Union. The event is open to the public.

Intramural entries for bowling and cross country are being accepted through Thursday. Sign up in the administrative office at the Peters Recreation Complex. The cross country meet is Oct.

26 at Warner Park. Bowling will take place at the K-State Student Union Bowling Center on Nov. 2 and 9. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

The influenza vaccine is available at Lafene Health Center. Flu vaccine clinics are scheduled for Oct. 23 and 30 and Nov. 6, 13 and 20 or until supplies are depleted. Please refer to Lafene's Web site, www.k-state.edu/lafene, for vaccine dates/times

and information.

For a list of homecoming activities this week, go to www.k-state.com/Students/Homecoming.aspx. These activities include a 5K race to benefit the Jon and Ruth Ann Wefald City Pavilion, Sidewalk Chalking Contest, Crazy Cat Kickoff, Pant the Chant, Paint the Ville Contest, Wildcat Request Live, K-State Ambassador Elections, Yard Art displays, Homecoming Parade, Homecoming Pep

Rally and Homecoming Tailgate Competition.

Ask questions, get advice. K-State Healthy Decisions will sponsor its second Student Speaker Series from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 28 in the K-State Student Union Courtyard. Listen to K-State students discuss their academic challenges and how they overcame them. Visit different resource tables for information and free items.

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• K-State HD is holding an open forum featuring a panel of your peers who will share their own experiences and challenges on academics, deciding on a major, and more.

• Informational booths and professionals will also be available to answer questions.

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DECISIONS

Crying for a good beer

Smaller breweries deserve respect, support for creating more nuanced libations



ADAM PHAM

Not a single night in Aggieville passes without the occurrence of at least two kinds of culinary injustice.

Consider the person in a crowd who edges meekly up to the bar, requests a “Bourbon County Stout” and is denied.

Also consider everyone else at every other bar, slamming their fists upon the counter and accepting or even demanding some horrid, yellow swill.

The sin is not in the denial or acceptance itself, but rather in the mechanism by which this travesty comes to pass.

I’m not “writing one on corporatism,” so to speak. After all, Sierra Nevada, one of the biggest craft brewers in the country, produces several world-class brews in a factory in California.

Craft brewery market leader Boston Beer is continually adding new and exotic varieties to its extensive stable, and its famous flagship “Samuel Adams Boston Lager” is available nationwide.

Goose Island, out of Chicago, seems unable to produce anything but excellence and its offerings are available to most of the Midwest.

These breweries and many others produce superb products, ship them all over and do so at trivially higher prices.

Craft beer commands only a 4-percent market share for a different reason – our credulity and susceptibility to slick propaganda.

Anheuser-Busch and MillerCoors don’t even try to argue with this logic, and historically have responded by quietly swallowing up smaller breweries like whales and minimizing them in their stomachs.

They always win and we always lose. This isn’t a meritocracy – it’s hegemony.

These shameless profiteers have contributed intentionally to the erosion of our fac-

ulties of discrimination and they have succeeded both in our concept of our beer and our concept of ourselves.

We are wont to describe beer – as my former roommate and I half-facetiously observe – as possessing only four characteristics: “light,” “heavy,” “bitter” and “smooth.”

No wonder so many are convinced of their distaste.

In this does lie a good indicator, however: If these terms are sufficient to describe a given beer,

you’ve learned everything you need to know about it.

But this set of adjectives is hardly complete. A quality beer doesn’t just have a laundry list of characteristics, it has an entire dynamic landscape to be explored.

A pale ale is not just a “beer with more hops,” it is a prickly frolic in a sunny, summer orchard – an India pale ale doubly so.

At the other end of the spectrum lives a dance of a different kind, the stout; dark and sometimes brooding, it is a midnight ballet deep in a forest of oak, sherry and dark chocolate.

The Oktoberfestbier sings breezy notes of toffee and autumn, the nut brown of roasted malt and molasses, the golden ale of bubbly and velvet and the ballroom waltz.

Our palates should have to rise to meet the imaginations of the brewers, not the other way around.

Equal dysfunction lies in the careless invention of “beer snobbery.” This notion is misleading, for there need be nothing exclusionary about it; the term “beer geek” is more precise.

After all, nobody thinks the burgers served at McDonald’s are as good as the ones at So Long Saloon.

Moreover, to make this observation doesn’t require any kind of real elitism.

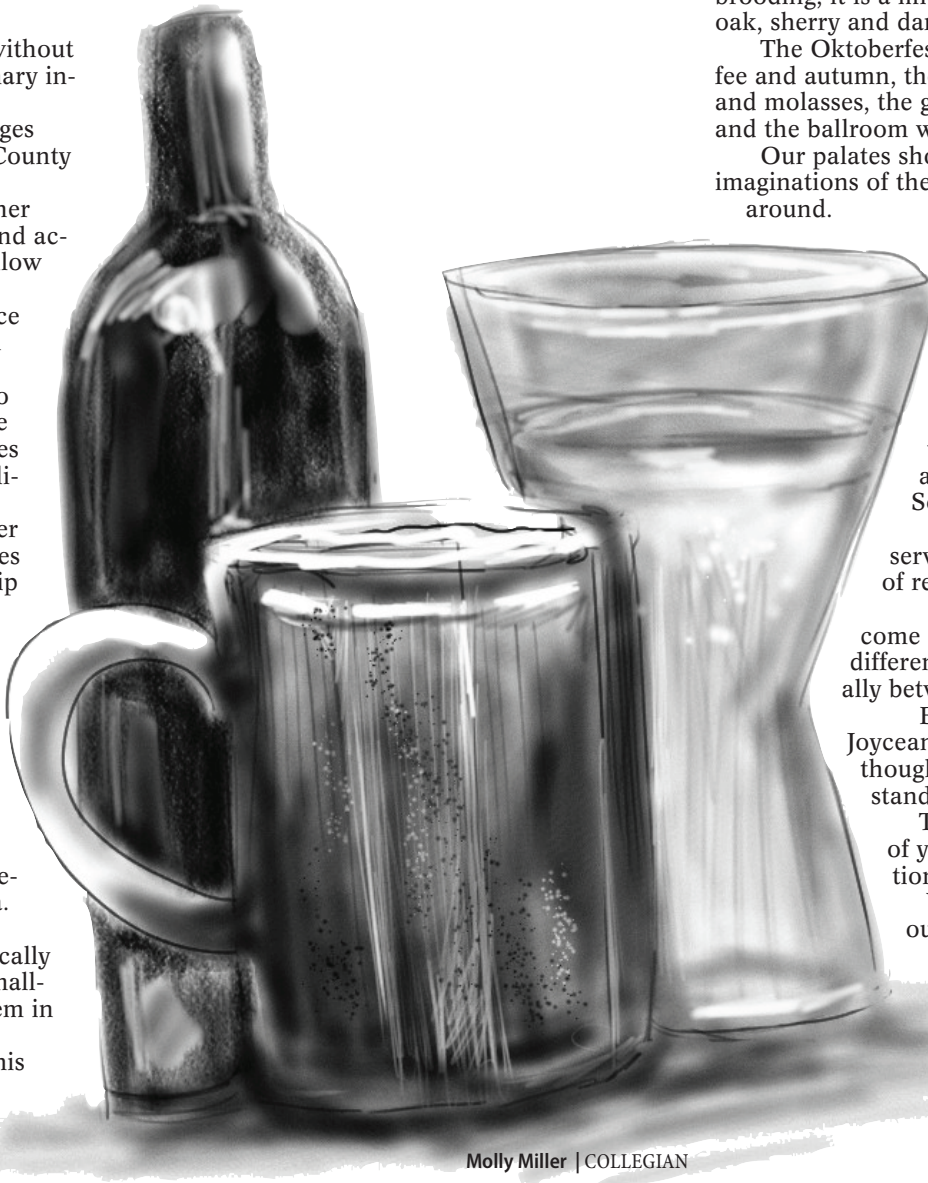
The subtleties begin to become more readily apparent between different species of beers and eventually between brewers themselves.

But one cannot forget that Joycean epiphany – that first sip, the thoughtful emergence of that understanding.

To paraphrase: Let the brewers of yellow beer tremble at a revolution.

We have nothing to lose but our chains, we have a world to win.

Beer connoisseurs of all countries need to unite.



Molly Miller | COLLEGIAN

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Voters must take responsibility to sift past rumors, candidates’ misleading information



JIM BANKS

The other day I decided to do some research on Barack Obama to educate myself about one of our presidential candidates. The discoveries could be considered fairly hilarious.

Did you know that Obama spent at least four years in a Muslim seminary in Indonesia? Were you aware that he was a Muslim? Or how about the “fact” that he was a member of a sect or cult?

These are just some of the many strange myths concerning Obama, and I’m willing to bet there are equally disturbing rumors about Republican candidate John McCain.

These myths are good examples of why people should try their

best to do their own thorough research about the candidates they are going to vote for in the upcoming election. Then, after they do the research, do some more. Do some fact-checking of your own, and then fact-check your fact-checking. There are a lot of weirdos out there who contribute things they probably just made up, for reasons only they know.

But regardless of the reason, I also have decided to jump on the bandwagon and contribute my own myths about each of the candidates. First of all, Obama hates chil-

dren. After doing research that I, in fact, did not actually do nor even attempt, I somehow learned he was a member of the imaginary hate group the Anti-Children Coalition from 1988 to 1991. It was here that he began to realize children are not actually viable members of society and should be completely ignored until they reach adulthood. His new education plan is just an elaborate cover-up to disguise his prejudice.

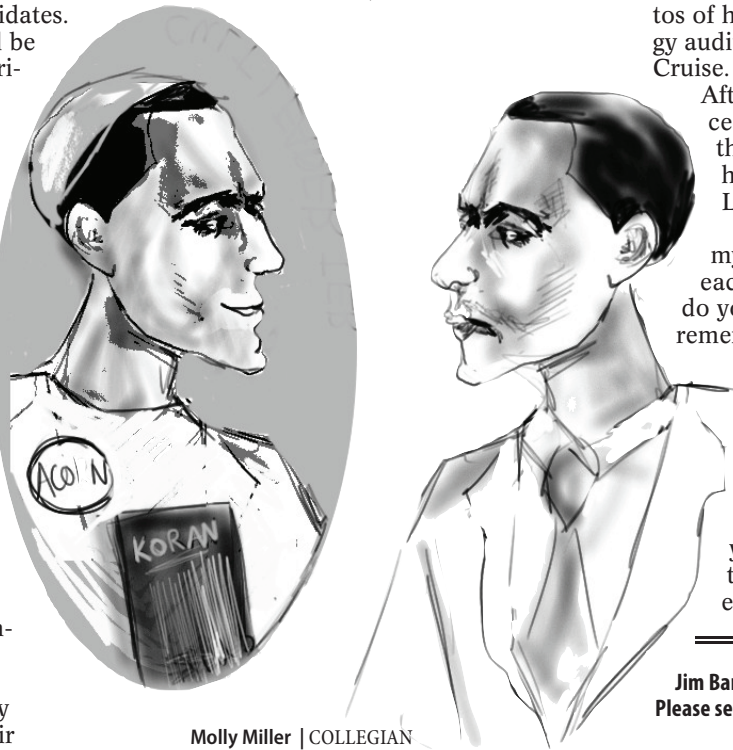
McCain also has secrets. He is a practicing Scientologist. After doing surveillance in places I have never been, I have incriminating photos of him going through Scientology auditing sessions with actor Tom Cruise.

After these sessions, they proceed to have coffee and discuss the silent birth ritual as well how awesome they both think L. Ron Hubbard is.

Now that you have heard my fabricated rumors about each of the candidates, please do your best to forget them and remember that the best opinions you can establish about the candidates come only from thorough research you do yourself or from viable and responsible media outlets.

Don’t let silly rumors and myths distort your perception of either of the candidates in this, or any, election.

Jim Banks is a senior in mass communications. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.



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TO THE POINT

Scholarships, internships should be considered early

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian’s official opinion.

It’s always nice to reap the monetary rewards of scholarships and the experience of internships, but summer vacation isn’t the only time you should concern yourself with applying for them. Conscientious students should take a moment in the thick of the semester to seek out impending deadlines for spring and summer programs.

Many deadlines are set at inconvenient times for students, such as Jan. 1 or late May, so getting them out of the way as soon as possible will save you from writing an application essay ten hours after New Year’s Eve, or on the first day of summer break.

Keep in mind that many internships are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so to increase the visibility of your ap-

plication and ensure it doesn’t end up at the bottom of the pile, turn it in as soon as possible.

Check your e-mail for updates on scholarships that apply to your fields of interest and even peruse the hallways around your classes for information you won’t necessarily be handed by a teacher.

Web sites like www.fastweb.com are immensely helpful for finding scholarships and internships that are tailor-made for your interests. Once you create a profile outlining your qualifications and needs, Fastweb will create a list of possibilities organized by deadlines so you can prioritize the order in which you apply.

The Collegian staff understands the importance of deadlines and also the temptation to ignore them, so take our advice and plan ahead to ensure your name gets out there.



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To the ugly doorman that took my ID at O’Malley’s on Saturday: You’re just a doorman, doorman.

Brian, even though your breath tasted like beer, I still had fun Saturday night. Call me if you remember

me. I can’t find you on Facebook and I don’t have text.

How many bras do Classy Cats wear on game days? Two and a sports bra.

Is it bad that I called SafeRide even though I was completely sober?

Is it bad when my buddy burps I can tell him what kind of beer he drank tonight?

To the non-creeper on Denison Saturday afternoon in that truck: Sorry I didn’t make it to your party, but maybe next weekend.

To the Riley County cops: You’re not invited to our parties anymore. You bring a bad vibe.

No wonder they can’t catch the rapist in Manhattan. There are no street lights anywhere.

When I named my beer pong “the baby maker,” it was supposed to be a joke. I hope I can find a good job within the next nine months.

iPod on. World off.

To the girl in Marketing 400 class that looks like Tara Reid: We should probably date.

To the teacher whose girlfriend comes and sits in our Calc II lecture and yaps about nothing: That’s extremely annoying.

Don’t you guys know how to spell alumni? That’s with an “i,” not an “a.” Thanks.

Check out kstate-collegian.com for the rest of today’s Fourum.



KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Wildcats

at war

Army platoon leader uses K-State mascot as call sign in Iraq



COURTESY PHOTO
Pictured left to right: **SPC Aaron Nelson**, **SPC Kale Campbell**, **SPC Kody Stebens**, **1LT Kai Englert**. Englert said he chose “Wildcats” as the call sign for his platoon while he was deployed in Iraq for the last year. He said his “purple blood” and the three other K-State alumni in the platoon inspired him to pick the call sign.

By **Brandon Steinert**
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Wildcats measure success in different ways. Some become financially secure, others change the world, but a few define success as surviving.

First Lieutenant Kai Englert chose “Wildcats” as the call sign for his platoon while he was deployed in Iraq for the last year.

He said his “purple blood” and the three other K-State alumni in the platoon inspired him to pick the call sign.

Englert graduated from K-State in 2007 with degrees in agricultural economics and animal science and industry.

His platoon returned from Iraq on Oct. 10 after a one-year deployment.

The Wildcats’ mission was to provide security for convoys and occupy guard towers.

Englert said one of the most intense moments he experienced in Iraq came when a car sped toward a road block and failed to yield to the first two warnings: a flare and warning shots.

He said he ordered the gunner to fire more shots, which hit the ground just a few feet away from the vehicle. That’s when the driver turned around.

“You hear of these vehicles with vehicle-born [improvised explosive devices] driving around out there in the middle of nowhere,” he said. “That was the most intense situation just because of the possibility of what it could have been.”

Other members of the Wildcat platoon said they appreciated Englert’s leadership during challenging times.

“I liked his leadership style – it was really hands-on,” Specialist Kale Campbell said. “At the same time, he let the squad leaders do what they

needed to do.”

Campbell, who attended K-State from 1994 to 1995, said he loved having “Wildcats” as his call sign because he bleeds purple and it helped get him through the long months away from home.

Though he missed the birth of his son while in Iraq, Campbell, who has served in the National Guard for nine years, said he is mainly just thankful he made it back to Kansas alive.

All the platoon members came back uninjured, which Englert said is the part of the deployment of which he is most proud.

“Nobody got hurt,” he said. “I guess that means we were doing our jobs.”

Though the men were technically deployed for 12 months, 4 of those months were spent training in Kansas and Texas.

During this time, his unit was trained to clear rooms and learned

urban warfare strategies.

“That was one of the things I thought went a little bit long – the train-up period,” Englert said. “But after that much time, we felt pretty cohesive as a unit and felt pretty confident as a unit for what we were supposed to do over there.”

He said the unit’s closeness helped make the time away from home easier, but his wife, Rhiannon Englert, had to manage on her own. She said the biggest challenge she faced was adjusting mentally to Kai’s absence.

“We’ve been married almost 10 years – we’re a team, we do everything together,” she said. “One thing I noticed is when I would go to family things or group things, I wouldn’t have my other half there with me.”

However, Rhiannon said that despite the challenges, she adjusted well and was supportive of her husband’s decision to join the military and serve overseas.

GREEN LIVING

Sunset Zoo provides opportunity to better understand conservation

If you’re tired of hearing the catchphrase “go green” and still don’t understand how you can participate in the movement, you are not alone.

In fact, many people across the U.S. are interested in minimizing their effect on the environment but simply do not know where to start.

To help combat the confusion, Manhattan’s Sunset Zoological Park created and implemented its own “Go Green!” program.

The program provides specific and realistic steps that can help people move toward more sustainable behaviors.

The program also is tailored to a variety of stake-holders in the community, from businesses to classrooms to households. Anyone can register for the program and immediately get started.

When groups sign up for the program, they receive a checklist tailored to their particular representation.

For instance, a residence hall would receive a checklist that is different from the checklist compiled for a local business.

Registrants must commit to a certain number of the total steps listed on the checklist in order to become a member.

In addition to the checklist, registrants can print off a poster signifying their membership in the “Go Green!” program.

Here is a sampling of some

- of the steps listed on each checklist:
- INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS**
1. Buy products in bulk and avoid products with excess packaging.
 2. Reuse plastic and glass food containers or jars.
 3. Plant a tree, native grasses or native wildflowers.
- SCHOOLS AND CLASS-ROOMS**
1. Combine and reuse old teaching supplies before buying new ones.
 2. Create incentives for students to walk, bicycle, take the bus or carpool to school.
 3. Include environmental education in the curriculum.
- GREEKS**
1. Become educated about one environmental concern and write to your representative.
 2. Start a compost pile.
 3. Turn off the water when brushing, flossing, shaving, etc.
- RESIDENCE HALLS**
1. Print on both sides of computer paper.
 2. Use canvas bags or reuse plastic bags for any type of shopping.
 3. Donate gently used clothes or household items.
- BUSINESSES**
1. Install timers so that lights

are off when the business is closed.

2. Replace all light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs.
3. Choose recycled or gently used products, appliances, tools, etc.

Sign up at Sunset Zoo’s Web site, which can be accessed by visiting the city of Manhattan’s site, www.ci.manhattan.ks.us.

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Molly Hamm

MOVIE REVIEW

‘W.’ offers flawed yet sympathetic portrait

“W.”
★★★★☆
Movie review by **Brendan Praeger**

When Oliver Stone released “World Trade Center” in 2006, some people argued that it was too soon to tell the story of Sept. 11, 2001. With Stone’s newest film, “W.,” there should be no argument: It is too soon.

“W.” tells the story of George W. Bush, a man who probably feels like a piñata right now. Barack Obama and John McCain are fighting to distance themselves from him, he’s taking most of the blame for the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression and he has the lowest approval ratings of any president in the 70-year history of the Gallup Poll. It’s been a rough year.

To the film’s credit, it avoids the opportunity to simply pile on more criticism. It could have easily turned into a dramatic adaptation of “Fahrenheit 9/11.” Instead, Stone tries to paint a more personal portrait of Bush.

The narrative bounces between Bush’s past and his presidency leading up to the Iraq War. We see him using his political skills to avoid hazing at Yale, bumbling a run for Congress, meeting his wife, choking on a pretzel, landing on an aircraft carrier and becoming a born-again Christian. Like most biopics, it runs through a checklist of notable events, whether they add something to the story or not.

“W.” also fails to develop many

parts of Bush’s life beyond the bare minimum. The only well-developed relationship in the film is between Bush and his father. This relationship provides most of the motivation for Bush’s actions, turning his political career into a sibling rivalry rather than a genuine attempt to make the world a better place.

Josh Brolin plays Bush with surprising depth and accuracy. He makes Bush a genuine character, rather than just a good impersonation. James Cromwell’s portrayal of George H.W. Bush also gives the film an anchor, while many of the other performances float into the realm of parody.

Most of the actors look and sound just like their real-life counterparts, but the timing of the movie makes everything hard to believe. It will be interesting to watch this film ten or twenty years from now. Maybe then I won’t laugh when I see “The Daily Show’s” Rob Corddry as Ari Fleischer.

“W.” despite its numerous flaws, is certainly watchable. It’s like a film adaptation of “The West Wing,” retooled as a tragedy with a cast from “Saturday Night Live.”

In interviews, Stone has claimed that his movie is a genuine attempt to create a sympathetic portrayal of the president. In some respects, he succeeds, but to call it apolitical is a bit of a stretch.

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SPORTS

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN



Prince's revolving door

Coach Ron Prince has started 38 different players this season on offense and defense, more than any other Big 12 Conference North Division team. He has not started the same offensive or defensive lineups more than twice this season – and that was just in the last two games. In comparison, Missouri has started the same 11 players on offense all season and just 24 players on both sides of the ball. Prince has a history of mixing and matching lineups at K-State. Last season, he had almost 40 different starters on a much more experienced team.

Number of different starters on offense and defense in Big 12 North Division:

K-STATE 38

Colorado 34
KU 33
Nebraska 33
Iowa State 33
Missouri 24

NOTEWORTHY POSITION NEWS

■ At left tackle, a position that is critical to protecting the quarterback's blind side, Prince has started rotating Edward Prince and Alesana Alesana every few possessions.

■ Lamark Brown has started at both running back and wide receiver.

■ After starting the season as the third-string quarterback, Tysyn Hartman switched positions to free safety a few games into the season. He is now starting over team captain Chris Carney after just learning the position.

■ Five different players have started at inside linebacker, including walk-on redshirt freshman Alex Hrebek.

■ Three different running backs have started for the Wildcats — Keithen Valentine, Lamark Brown and true freshman Logan Dold.

■ Of the 38 players to make a start, 17 of them are junior college transfers.

■ Of the 38 players to make a start, 18 are juniors and 10 are seniors, leaving just 10 underclassmen who have started this season.

Only five players have started all seven games for the Wildcats this season, though few players have had injuries.

Number of all-game starters for other Big 12 North Division teams:

Nebraska 11
Colorado 11
Iowa State 12
KU 13
Missouri 20

IAN CAMPBELL



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JERON MASTRUD



Brown, Bedore questionable; Rossman wins award

INJURY NEWS

■ Sophomore running back Lamark Brown did not make the trip to Colorado because of a staph infection that kept him out the previous week. Coach Ron Prince said there is nothing new to report on the injury to Brown. He said he would find out more later this week.

■ Senior linebacker Antwon Moore missed his third straight game with an apparent hamstring injury.

■ Senior center Jordan Bedore was in uniform after not traveling to

Texas A&M because of an arm injury he sustained earlier in the season. Bedore had a brace on his arm but did not play in the game. He is now listed behind sophomore Zach Kendall at center.

KU KICKOFF TIME

K-State announced the KU game on Nov. 1 will kick off at 11:30 a.m. and will be televised by Fox Sports Net.

ABOUT OKLAHOMA

The Sooners enter Saturday's game with the nation's No. 4 of-

fense, averaging 544 yards per game. Quarterback Sam Bradford ranks in the top five nationally in passing efficiency, total passing yards and passing yards per game.

The Oklahoma offense has yet to be held below 35 points in a game.

"[Bradford] understands how to read the coverage," Prince said. "He is putting the ball in places that only his guys can catch it, and couple that with what they can do in the run game, and it's very dangerous."

SPECIAL TEAMS THRIVE

Senior place-kicker Brooks Ross-



BROOKS ROSSMAN

man was named the Big 12 Conference Special Teams Player of the Week, announced by the Big 12 office Monday. Rossman was 2-4 on field goals, including a career-long kick of 53 yards.

— Compiled by Cole Manbeck

Tennis team ends fall season on high

By Brad Dornes

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State women's tennis team ended its fall season this weekend with members of the team participating in two different tournaments.

Senior Katerina Kudlackova and sophomore Antea Huljev participated in the ITA Central Region Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The duo advanced to the third round in the doubles bracket before losing to a team from Arkansas.

Huljev also advanced

to the second round in the singles bracket before being knocked off by Kristina Dorr of Brigham Young University. She finished with an 8-4 record for the fall season.

"Katerina and Antea both played extremely well," coach Steve Bietau said. "They had a huge win against Oklahoma's No. 1 doubles team during the second round. It was nice to see them peak at the end of the fall season."

The other five members of the tennis team traveled to Albuquerque, N.M., to compete in the New Mexi-

co Invite. The quintet consisting of junior Natasha Vieira, sophomore Vanessa Cottin and freshmen Petra Chuda, Mariya Slupska and Andrea Straznicka played teams from New Mexico, Iowa State, Air Force, Western New Mexico and the University of Texas-El Paso.

During the tournament, Chuda had a perfect 4-0 record, improving her career record to 7-5 in singles.

Straznicka also improved her record to 7-7 and ended the fall season winning five of her last seven matches.

As a team, K-State won 10 out of 12 singles matches during the New Mexico Invite.

"The girls that went to New Mexico played as well as they had all year," Bietau said. "Overall it was a very successful weekend for the entire team."

The tennis team will return to the court Jan. 16-18 in Athens, Ga., for the Georgia Bulldog Invitational.

"We have had about six rigorous weeks of competition and the girls are ready for a break," Bietau said. "We will continue to work on our conditioning and get ready for the spring season."

Equestrian comes up short



Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

Paige Sullivan, hunt seat rider, jumps over an obstacle during varsity equitation on Friday. The team tied Baylor 10-10, but the Cats later lost the tiebreaker.

Though the K-State equestrian team brought home three MVP honors and tied Baylor on Friday, 10-10, the team ultimately lost the tiebreaker, 1294-1269.5, at Fox Creek Farms. The Western squad defeated the Bears, 6-4, but the Hunter Seat squad lost, 6-4. Friday's loss gives the Wildcats an overall record of 0-4 on the season and is the second loss of the season due to a tiebreaker.

The tiebreaker is determined by compiling all the raw scores and dropping the lowest from each category.

Senior Whitney Snyder brought home MVP honors on the flat, senior Jana Lechtenberg picked up her first MVP honor of the year in the horsemanship category and sophomore Alecia Zimbelman earned her first MVP award in reining.

In horsemanship, Lechtenberg led the squad by defeating Nicole McCoy, 72-63.5. Junior Mikaela Sundgren also gained a big win by defeating Lindsey Tomko, 69-67.5 and senior Alyssa Freeman brought home a victory.

— K-State Sports Information

Stadiums should allow fans a smoking section



OWEN KENNEDY

Beside the noise, the teams and the replays, the great outdoors is one of the best parts of a football or baseball game. Fans get to enjoy the weather and the environment when attending a game in an outdoor stadium.

When the weather turns cold, fans bundle up, as do the players. When it is cold, the cheers are different than when it is hot; when it's rainy, the plays are different than when it's dry. Outdoor games allow fans to enjoy the full experience of modern sports.

Fans can enjoy a hotdog, a beer and every other kind of over-priced treat at a game, but they cannot continue their daily routine of smoking a cigarette when the urge arises.

Most stadiums in the U.S. ban smoking, even outdoor stadiums, the most recent being the University of Tennessee, according to the Knoxville News Sentinel. The Tennessee state legislature passed the Non-Smokers Protection Act in 2007, which banned smoking in almost all public places.

I understand that supporters of such a smoking ban are concerned about the health of non-smokers, but the danger of second-hand smoke seems minute when outside. The Volunteers' Neyland Stadium had allowed smoking in specific parts of the facility in the past, but the state smoking ban ended that practice, according to the News Sentinel.

I don't like to sit next to someone who reeks of stale smoke, and I am not a smoker, so it is nice to be able to enjoy a meal or a baseball game without having smoke blown in my face. But someone lighting up on the other side of the field, in a smoking section, does not bother me.

Aren't smokers encouraged to take their vice outside? Isn't outside the best place for someone to smoke, better than a classroom or a restaurant? An absolute ban on smoking will never work, and it is just unfair.

In many restaurants, patrons are fairly close to smokers and their cigarettes, so a smoking section might do little to keep the two separate. But in a baseball stadium, fans are in just as much danger of inhaling smoke as they are any other time they are outside.

I agree it is rude and dangerous to allow smokers to do their deed around non-smokers, including children, but I don't see the hazard in allowing smokers to have their own section. If lighting up is so important, they can sacrifice the good seats for a chance to smoke.

Smoking ordinances and laws should be enacted to protect the people of a city or state, but they must also be reasonable. We can't tell smokers to "take it outside," and then try to take the outside from them – especially at sporting events that take place almost always outside.

Owen Kennedy is a senior in management. Please send comments to sports@pub.ksu.edu.



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Katerina Kudlackova competes at a tournament during the spring. She and Antea Huljev advanced to the third round at the ITA Regional last weekend.

CHANT | Participants rock out to week’s theme

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stomping out a rhythm.

The winning pairing will be announced Friday during the pep rally after the Homecoming parade. Performances were judged by six panelists, who rated the group based on rhythm, loudness, originality and adherence to the Homecoming theme.

Pant the Chant was free and open to the public, but attendees were encouraged to donate \$1 or any canned food item.

Lauren Griffith, senior in business management, served as co-chair of organizing the event. She said the planning process was easy and the event almost planned itself.

Katie Anderson, senior in elementary education, was the other co-chair. She said she was happy

with how smoothly the event went.

Sophomore in communication sciences and disorders Amber Schueth said her pairing started practicing four weeks in advance.

Her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, and the other greek houses in her pairing, FarmHouse and Sigma Chi, wore sunglasses to go along with the “Hard Rock K-State” Homecoming theme.

“Ya gotta rock out with the shades,” she said.

Schueth said being well-rehearsed and practiced is important to her and that Homecoming is her favorite week of the year.

“We want to represent our houses and show our houses together to represent the greek community,” she said. “The practices were really fun too because we got to know the other houses.”



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN

Members of Gamma Phi Beta, Sigma Pi and Tau Kappa Epsilon perform during Pant the Chant in Bramlage Coliseum Monday night. Participants present a 90-second chant with choreography. The event is an annual Homecoming favorite of K-State students.

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BOOK REVIEW

Poet Simic
can present
both sides

Book review by Steven Miller

Former U.S. poet laureate Charles Simic is scheduled to speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the K-State Student Union Forum Hall. He will read from his works, including "Sixty Poems." The following is a review of this collection of poems.

There are few poets who can toe the line between light and dark with ease and even humor the way Charles Simic has throughout his long illustrious career. The collection "Sixty Poems" follows the highlights of that career, including poems from "Unending Blues" (1986) to "My Noiseless Entourage" (2005).

Aligned with the imagists at times, Simic draws from many sources, and readers often find themselves entering a realm where confessional poetry, imagism and a handful of satirical and formal genres intercede. The results are lines like bullets shot by sniper rifles: "My memories are/ Steep stairwells/ In dusty buildings/ On dead-end streets" ("The Toy").

Yet there remains a stark ambiguity arising from these startling images. Simic ends his poem "Against Whatever It Is That's Encroaching" with a single image of a woman clenching her eyes "As if she were about to cry or sing." A line that reminds one of Baudelaire's juxtapositions – "And I never weep and I never laugh" – establishes Simic's voice as one of authority.

He uses juxtaposition deftly. He begins "Cameo Appearances" with "I had a small, nonspeaking part/ In a bloody epic," and we are jolted into attention. "I was one of the/ Bombed and fleeing humanity?"

There is also room for fun in this style. In "Have you Met Miss Jones?" he writes, "I have. At a funeral/ Pulling down her skirt to cover her knees/ While inadvertently/ Showing us her cleavage/ Down to the tips of her nipples."

Every so often a true poet stands out from the myriad with his or her ability to present both sides – not just agony and ecstasy, but melancholy and humor.

These poets have the power to save lives. And they will continue to be read not just because the critics deem them important but because their readers will insist that they be read. The lives they save will not forget them.

In this day of celebrating misery in poetry, I want to make an unorthodox claim for the success of Simic's poetics. Though it certainly has some dark undertones, this book of poems will leave you happier than you were when you started.

'Hindu' caste system
not reality in India

Editor,

I read Molly Hamm's article "India's emerging economy could make country a world player." While her article is very well written and is largely in line with the opinion of most economists, there are several factual errors regarding the Hindu religion.

While a very popular opinion in the West, the caste system is not a "Hindu" caste system. Ethnic discrimination is not sanctioned by the Hindu religion, and the so-called caste system that is seen in very underdeveloped parts of India is no different than serf systems that were found in Europe and Christian-developing countries in Africa, South America or the Philippines.

In urban or industrialized parts of India, no caste system exists. No one is allocated jobs based on their caste.

People don't need to belong to the "warrior caste" to join the military, for instance. In fact, to even out income and education differences among the ethnicities of India, the Indian government, more than five decades ago, enacted an elaborate affirmative action system to help disadvantaged groups.

The Gypsies in Europe still face horrendous discrimination and are the untouchables of Europe. The Burakamin, Japanese untouchables,

still face terrible discrimination. The word "caste" is in fact a Portuguese word and refers to the elaborate racial hierarchies found in Central and South America.

For instance, in Mexico, all the political and business elite are the small but powerful upper-caste whites, like former President Vicente Fox.

In Brazil, the "casta" system is even more elaborate, with numerous castes and subcastes based upon racial composition.

In all these cases, the various caste systems are not called the Christian caste system or Shinto caste system.

So to call tribal tensions in isolated, underdeveloped parts of India a Hindu caste system is slander against a religion that is independent of economic circumstances. Today's urbanized Hindu Indian is not some evil racist as is shown in the media.

In fact, all the so-called castes of India belong to the same race, and therefore discrimination is nearly impossible in cities where no one can identify someone's caste by looking at them.

Please analyze your topics and prevent the spread of false information from groups with hidden agendas.

Srivats Iyer
SAN JOSE, CALIF.

Success of MS event
because of community

Editor,

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society would like to thank the entire community for your support of Bike MS on Sept. 20 and 21.

This year, we raised more than \$167,000. The challenging route took cycling enthusiasts and MS activists 150 miles through western Missouri, and we couldn't have done it without your help.

The money raised will help thousands of local people with multiple sclerosis through programs and events, as well as supporting research for a cure.

Multiple sclerosis interrupts the flow of information from the brain to the body and stops people from moving. Every hour in

the United States, someone is newly diagnosed with MS, an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system.

Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis.

The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS.

If you or someone you know would like more information, please contact us at info@nmsskc.org, call 1-800-344-4867 or go to www.msmdamerica.org.

Again, thank you for your support in this exciting event.

Shauna Burrell-Allen
DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR
NATIONAL MULTIPLE

Voting provides outlet for beliefs,
concerns about country's future

Editor,

I've always kept an open mind about who I vote for as an independent-flipped-Democrat this election cycle. People often question why I even bother voting in a largely Republican state. I've fought for this privilege in Iraq and served with extreme honor for this country.

I truly appreciate the value of having the right to vote in our election cycle because I understand. I understand there are nations around the world that bleed just to make their voices heard, while others don't even have the luxury. I understand that if you want anything to happen, your voice is your only chance to carry your desires to the next level. I understand that to have this nation fall further is not an option; our voices are needed now more than ever.

Personally, taking a spare moment of my day to bubble in a ballot sheet is hardly a feat compared to my day-to-day activities and the kind of things that I've devoted my time to in the past. With the ease of absentee voting, there really are no excuses to not be part of the system. Find a Democrat friend and ask them about the candidates. Find a Republican friend, and ask them, too. Hear the opinions, and decide what you believe.

It's your voice – why keep it bottled up inside?

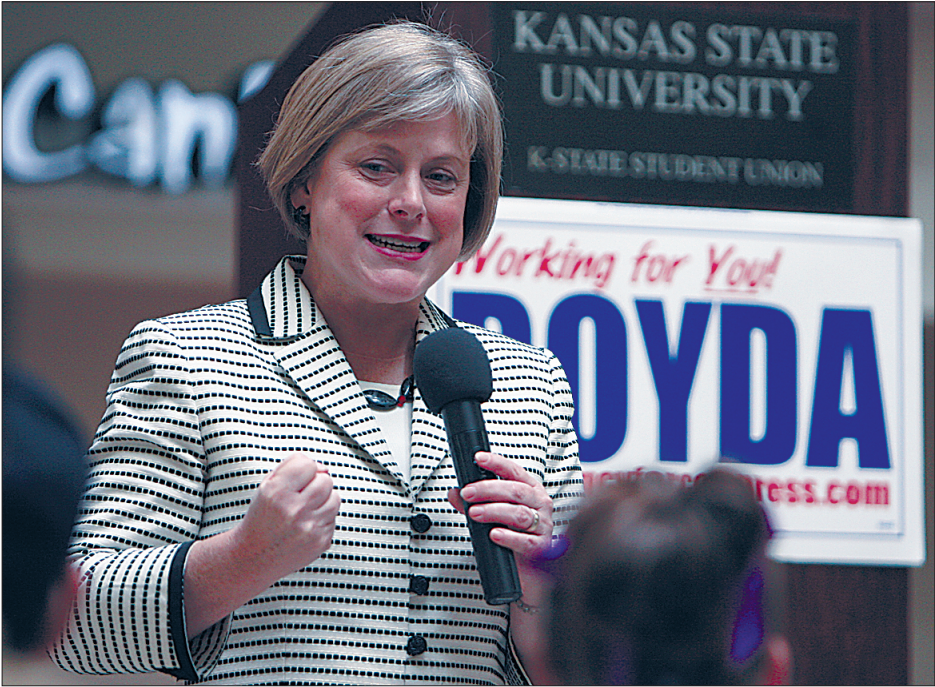
Don't ignore it, act on it. Wildcats, the deadline to register was Oct. 20, and you have until the 31st to apply for advanced voting. If you are a student from a different county, you need to take advantage of advanced balloting to make life easier.

If you are not sure if you are registered to vote, verify it at <https://myvoteinfo.voteks.org/>.

Find everything else you need here – http://www.kssos.org/elections/elections_registration_voting.html – and vote. Time is running out to make your mark on history.

David McGraw
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Working for connections



Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

Rep. Nancy Boyda, the Democratic incumbent in the race for Kansas' 2nd Congressional District, makes a point Monday afternoon during a forum in the K-State Student Union Courtyard. Boyda, a resident of Topeka, spoke about her upbringing, her 2006 election to the U.S. House of Representatives and her reelection campaign.

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